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Syria

President Hafiz al-Asad told an American-Arab delegation visiting Damascus that Syria will make every possible effort to help secure the release of U.S. and other hostages, Damascus radio reported. Al-Asad stressed that expatriates have a great role in confronting anti-Syrian campaigns and attempts to ruin relations between Syria and other countries, according to the radio, which added that delegation members praised Syrian policies and Al-Asad's role in the Arab world.

Elsewhere, Defense Minister Mustafa Talas said that Syria refused to receive U.S. Vice President George Bush during Bush's recent trip to the region, according to a press statement cited by QNA. Talas said his country's refusal to see the vice president was prompted by Bush's announcement that he would discuss terrorism with Syrian officials during his visit, the Qatari agency continued.

Iran-Iraq War

An Iranian tanker was among three ships hit in Iraq's 12 August raid on Sirri Island, according to AFP sources cited by INA. Meanwhile, the Iraqi Air Force and Air Defense commander warned that if Iran continues its "aggression," Iraq's next attack will be more harmful than the "destruction" of Sirri Island, INA reported.

The Iranian who landed in Baghdad 12 August, said to be the personal pilot of the Iranian Majlis speaker, told a Baghdad press conference that he defected in order to protest the continuation of the war, INA reported. The pilot said he took off from Rasht airport on an internal flight and then changed course for Baghdad, bringing his family and two relatives with him. For Iran's part, Tehran radio announced that "agents of arrogance" coordinating with Iraq "hijacked" a "small training aircraft" to Baghdad airport, adding that "entirely false" reports about the incident were broadcast by hostile radios to divert attention from the 12 August Iranian missile attack against Baghdad's Al-Dawrah refinery.

In Cairo, Egyptian President Husni Mubarak received the Iraqi defense minister, according to INA, which added that another round of bilateral military cooperation talks is under way.

Egypt

The Foreign Ministry informed the head of the Tunisian interest section in Cairo of Egypt's "deep regret and indignation" about the "ill-treatment" of Egyptian nationals at Tunis airport, MENA reported. The ministry added that Egypt will be forced to treat Tunisians accordingly if the mistreatment continues, according to the agency.

Lebanon

President Amin al-Jumayyil held meetings with political and military leaders in East Beirut including Phalangist Party leader George Sa'adah and Lebanese Forces Executive Committee Chairman Samir Ja'ja', Voice of Lebanon radio reported, adding that the conferees expressed satisfaction over the return of normal life in the area. The president briefed his interlocutors on current political initiatives, the radio said, and they agreed with him that the recent events in East Beirut were intended to obstruct these efforts.

In the aftermath of the Amal-UNIFIL clash in southern Lebanon, Amal leader Nabih Birri reaffirmed his movement's commitment to maintaining UNIFIL's role in the south, urging his men to stop shooting at UNIFIL and to keep Israel as their "sole target," Beirut radio reported. Birri urged the French Government and the UNIFIL command to regard the fighting as a "regrettable incident." A French Foreign Ministry statement expressed France's deep concern about the clashes, according to Paris radio, which noted that three wounded French soldiers were evacuated to a military hospital.

Israel-USSR: Helsinki Talks

Jerusalem radio reaffirmed Israel's intention of raising the question of Soviet Jewry at the beginning of the talks, despite the statement by a Soviet official that only consular matters will be discussed.

Saudi Arabia

Reporting on King Fahd's inspection of one of the Kingdom's new AWACS aircraft, SPA asserted that the 17-man Saudi crew have attained "superior scientific training" in operating AWACS and have achieved "better than their counterparts in NATO aircraft." Meanwhile, Argentinian Government sources cited by the Buenos Aires agency *Noticias Argentinas* asserted that Argentina is negotiating with Saudi Arabia to exchange two frigates for one of the Kingdom's AWACS planes plus an as yet undetermined sum of money.

Sudan

Prime Minister al-Sadiq al-Mahdi described his talks with Soviet leaders as "frank" and "serious," SUNA reported, and he added that agreement was reached to open a "new page" in bilateral relations based on cooperation and understanding. Al-Mahdi's departure from Moscow for Tashkent was reported by TASS 13 August.

Libya

A commentary broadcast by Voice of Greater Arab Homeland radio on the eve of the 2d anniversary of the Libya-Morocco union noted that regardless of the "shame" brought about by "some rulers," the drive toward Arab unity will never cease. The union remains the "only weapon" able to confront imperialist conspiracies, the radio continued.

Pakistan

The government has restricted People's Party leader Benazir Bhutto's movements for 5 days, preventing her from carrying out planned Independence Day political activities in the Punjab,

AFP reported. The authorities arrested several hundred opposition activists and Bhutto accused the government of adopting "repressive measures."

DRA-Pakistan

The DRA foreign minister upon arrival in Kabul said that "some progress" was made at the DRA-Pakistan talks in Geneva, Kabul radio reported. The radio asserted that despite reports in Western media, no obstacles emerged during the talks and measures for continuing them are being taken.

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Further Reportage on SARC Ministers' Meeting

India's Foreign Minister Arrives

BK111734 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 11 Aug 86

[Text] The Indian foreign minister, Mr P. Shiv Shanker, arrived in Dhaka tonight to attend the SARC [South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation] Council of Ministers meeting.

Talking to newsmen at the Zia International Airport, he said the meeting has great significance because it is useful in more than one way as it enabled us to formulate programs for cooperation in the region.

Meanwhile, Pakistan foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, who is already in the capital, called on Prime Minister Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, at his residence this evening. He stayed with him for sometime. Mr Khan stressed the need for improving the communications system, especially telecommunication, among the SARC nations.

Appreciating the dynamic leadership of President Ershad in organizing and advancing the cause of SARC, the Pakistan foreign minister said that the association has now come to a stage to shoulder greater responsibility.

The Pakistan ambassador to Bangladesh, Mr Riaz Khokhar, was present on the occasion.

Katmandu Proposed for Secretariat Site

BK111729 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 11 Aug 86

[Text] The proposed Secretariat of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation is to be set up in Katmandu. This was decided by the foreign secretaries of the SARC nations in Dhaka today. They also decided to set up a task force to formulate the constitution and functions of the Secretariat and funding by the member countries.

A Bangladesh proposal that the post of the secretary general be held by each member country for 2 years by rotation in alphabetical order was also accepted. Accordingly, the first secretary general will be from Bangladesh.

Besides preparing the agenda for the 2-day ministerial meeting beginning tomorrow, the foreign secretaries have also considered reports on terrorism, women, and development and international economic issues.

Ershad Addresses Meeting

BK120954 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 0700 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Text] The first meeting of the SARC Council of Ministers opened in Dhaka this morning.

Inaugurating the meeting, President Ershad said SARC offers realistic prospects for a major improvement in the political environment of the region. He said at the political plane, relations among our states have not only improved, [words indistinct] free of tension, but our differences must not be allowed to harden or blow out of proportion. Differences, in fact, accord yet another justification for cooperation which can help to resolve them. Cooperations to be effective must take into account differences as well as common (?points)

The president said SARC is not merely a laudable moral ideal but also a most potent and effective instrument of peace, cooperation, development, and friendship. It can help us to achieve this development in solidarity.

One striking element in the evolution of SARC has been the fact that it is entirely an effort of the member countries. It is a fruit of our own ingenuity and an instrument of the genius of our people for mutual cooperation.

The SARC is at present in a stage of transition. The Council of Ministers, as the senior organ of the association, has a fruitful role to play. It may address itself to the question of SARC Secretariat and its linkage with other regional and multilateral organizations.

As the foundations of SARC have been laid and strengthened, it is only natural that it should now enter into a new phase of cooperation and move progressively toward a complete and action-oriented projects from which tangible benefits could accrue to our people. Time has now come again to expect some quick dividends from this collective undertaking.

The president said the first session of the SARC Council of Ministers will be of great significance. It will become a turning point in the evolution of SARC by formulating policy guidelines on regional projects.

The foreign ministers of India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, and Bangladesh, and the attorney general of Maldives are attending the 2-day meeting of the SARC Council of Ministers. Our representative says the inaugural session was attended among others by two deputy chief martial law administrators, Cabinet ministers, members of parliament, chiefs of diplomatic missions and high civil and military officials.

Rockets Hit Soviet Embassy; Fighting in Provinces

BK121148 Hong Kong AFP in English 1129 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Text] Islamabad, Aug 12 (AFP) — Rockets and light weapon fire sprayed Kabul last week while fighting between Afghan guerrillas and government troops raged in western and southern Afghanistan, Western diplomatic sources said here Tuesday.

They also said that a new Soviet ambassador, Pavel Moiseyev, had taken over in Kabul at the weekend.

On Saturday, six to eight rockets hit and set fire to a military camp, also setting ablaze a fabric store in the Kabul Bazaar, the sources said.

On Friday, part of the Soviet Embassy complex was hit and the Polish Embassy's communications center was demolished as some 20 to 30 rockets hit various parts of the capital, the diplomats said.

Light weapon fire shot through Kabul during the entire week, intensifying as night fell, the diplomats said.

They also quoted unofficial sources as saying that some 400 Soviet and Afghan Government troops had been killed fighting guerrillas just west of Kabul in the Paghman region.

The government-controlled Afghan media reported fighting south of Kabul in Wardak and Logar Provinces in the past few days, the diplomats said.

The diplomats added that a 150-vehicle convoy, bolstered by a fleet of helicopters, was involved in the fighting south of the capital over the past weekend.

The diplomats also backed up reports that Ahmad Shah Masud, leader of a major resistance group, the Jamiyat-e Eslami, has sealed an alliance in the north with several guerrilla groups from seven provinces, the diplomats said. The alliance has claimed several attacks on Soviet and Afghan Government targets.

SPA: Mujahidin Destroy 3 Soviet Helicopters

LD111618 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 1450 GMT 11 Aug 86

[Text] Islamabad, 11 Aug (SPA) — The Afghan mujahidin destroyed three Soviet helicopters in a rocket attack on Bagram airbase north of Kabul on 26 July.

The *Afghan News Agency*, organ of the mujahidin, today reports that the mujahidin also captured a Soviet soldier in the attack on the airbase.

The agency also reports that the mujahidin killed 122 of the invading Soviet and surrogate Afghan forces and destroyed 13 tanks and APC's in a series of attacks on military convoys and positions on the Kabul-Mazar-e Sharif road in the second half of July. Soviet aircraft launched a savage air raid on the Shamali area north of Kabul in late July, killing 29 civilians.

The *Afghan News Agency* reports that the mujahidin launched a retaliatory attack on the same day on Soviet and Afghan Government positions in the area, killing 75 soldiers and agents of the secret police.

Foreign Minister Comments on Geneva Talks

LD121729 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Text] Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost, who headed a delegation to Geneva to take part in the second stage of seventh round of talks between the DRA and Pakistan, returned to Kabul via Moscow yesterday.

On his arrival at Kabul International Airport, Shah Muhammad Dost told a *Bakhtar* correspondent that the DRA delegation, as before, took part in the talks with goodwill, high political intentions, and a constructive stand. Various topics on the agenda were discussed during this phase and some progress was made concerning the finalization of the fundamental documents which constitute the (?basis) for a political solution to the situation surrounding Afghanistan.

The DRA delegation specified its position in the course of talks concerning the joint decision of the DRA and the Soviet leadership on the partial withdrawal of Soviet units from Afghanistan, which positively influenced the atmosphere at the talks.

Of a great importance at present is the introduction of increased momentum in goodwill, firm coordination in the principled position of the DRA, and the desire to achieve a political solution, which resulted from the recent Afghan-Soviet good-will measure. This has made the opposite side understand, more than ever before, our realistic, principled, and flexible stand, and the need to deal with it through measures of goodwill and [words indistinct] belief.

We are look forward to ascertaining the position the opposite side will adopt in the future in dealing with our constructive stand. In our opinion, a constructive position from the opposite side would be a rational answer — the cessation of interference in the internal affairs of the DRA. Such an answer will achieve the withdrawal of Soviet forces from the DRA.

In conclusion, it should be pointed out that despite reports in the Western media, the talks had no obstacles and measures will be taken for the continuation of talks between the DRA and Pakistan in accordance with the understandings reached.

DRA: Najibullah Visits Gardeyz City; Meets Elders

LD122207 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Excerpts] Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, today visited Gardeyz City, the capital of Paktia Province. [passage omitted]

The BIA correspondent reports that Comrade Najibullah visited the headquarters of Paktia Provincial Party Committee. During

this visit, a short report was presented by the head of southeastern zone on broadening and strengthening the social pillars of the revolution in the respective provinces. A report by the secretary of Paktia Provincial Party Committee was presented about the work and activities of the party and social organizations.

At the end of this visit, Comrade Najibullah drew the attention of the party and government officials to the removal of shortcomings and defects in the party and social organizations, service to the people and reconstruction of the respective (?enterprises).

Comrade Najibullah then took part in the glorious meeting of the elders, chiefs, and youths of Gardeyz city. He spoke at length on the policy of the party and revolutionary government for the service of the country's toilers and for building a new society in Afghanistan. His words were met with enthusiasm and the continuous applause of the audience.

In his talk, Comrade Najibullah recalled the courage and bravery of the fathers and ancestors of the courageous people of Paktia for the defense of territorial integrity, independence, and freedom, as well as the defense of the honor and pride of the homeland. He added: You, the courageous and brave people of Paktia, must preserve [words indistinct].

Comrade Najibullah added: Today the homeland of our ancestors has become the target of aggression by criminal imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism, the military government of Pakistan, and the rebel bands. Under the present circumstances in the country, the most important task of the courageous and toiling people of Paktia is this that they, together with other inhabitants, nationalities, and tribes of the country, should accomplish their major duty to foil the aggression by the aggressors and rebel bands and to crush them; and, with courage and sacrifice, unity and cohesion, should safeguard the land of their fathers and ancestors against the (?aggression) of the enemy.

Comrade Najibullah asked the elders and chiefs of Paktia to draw the attention of those compatriots of ours [words indistinct] who are living in poverty in other countries to the truth of the revolution by forming jirgahs and meetings, and invite them for national reconciliation and national compromise, which was announced by the party and the revolutionary government.

Comrade Najibullah talked about the disinterested and fraternal assistance of the great country, the Soviet Union, to our country and people, and the recent decision of this country's leadership to reduce and partially withdraw the Soviet Union's limited units from Afghanistan, which was made with the concurrence of the DRA government. This measure is a major (?example) of the peaceful initiatives of the DRA and the Soviet Union for maintaining peace and security in the region.

At the end of his talk, Comrade Najibullah asked the elders and chiefs of Paktia Province to make all-round efforts to restore peace and security in the country by holding jirgahs and meetings. The party and government does and will continue provide all necessary conditions for this purpose. [passage omitted]

The BIA correspondent adds that Comrade Najibullah and his entourage then met the brave officers and men of Paktia Army Corps in the garrison of Paktia Province. In talking with them, he drew their attention to those major duties and responsibilities allotted to them under the present circumstance of the country.

At this meeting, Comrade Najibullah conveyed his greetings and best wishes and those of the PDPA leadership delegation to the brave officers and men of Paktia who took part in combat operations in Khowst major district and in the Jaji region. He wished them further victories in order to accomplish their major revolutionary duties.

Speaking on behalf of the officers and men of this province, the commander of Paktia Army Corps gave assurances to Comrade Najibullah that they were struggling to the end with self-sacrifice and devotion for the complete elimination of the exported rebel bands; and they were going to accomplish with courage the (?duty) given them by the motherland.

After visiting the units and companies of Army Corps of Paktia Province, Comrade Najibullah returned to Kabul this afternoon.

Comrade Najibullah was accompanied on this visit by Major General Nazar Muhammad, candidate member of the Politburo of the PDPA Central Committee and minister of defense; and Major General Sayyed Muhammad Gulabzoy, minister of internal affairs.

Karmal 'Issues Consent' to USSR Envoy's Application

LD110144 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 9 Aug 86

[Text] Consent to the application of Comrade Pavel Petrovich (Moiseyev) as ambassador and extraordinary representative of the USSR in the DRA which had been requested by the government of his country, has recently been issued by Comrade Babrak Karmal, member of the Politburo of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council.

Army Day Marked by Joint Meeting With USSR Units

LD102339 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 10 Aug 86

[Excerpt] In honor of DRA Army Day, the friendship week between the staff of the units and companies of the army and the units of the Soviet Union began.

A grand meeting was held today in the Central Military Corps and was attended by the men, NCO's, and officers of that force and staff of one of the limited contingents of the Soviet Union. The deputy political head of the corps spoke.

Brigadier General Zabihullah Ziarmal, head of the political affairs of the Army, reviewed the importance of DRA Army Day; the heroism of the troops in defending the homeland, people, and revolution; and expressed thanks to the staff of the limited contingents of the Soviet Union. These Soviet staffs have close relations with the men, NCO's, and officers of the DRA Army and are carrying out internationalist tasks in our country. [passage omitted]

2000 Ghazni Nomads Join Security Forces
LD102233 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 10 Aug 86

[Excerpt] More than 2,000 Kuchi [nomad] youths belonging to the Daftani tribe of Andar District, Ghazni Province, have taken up arms in order to crush the counterrevolutionary bands sent from abroad, maintain peace and security in that district, and defend the gains of the April Revolution. [passage omitted]

Prime Minister's Visit to Pakistan Ruled Out

BK120859 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Text] The minister of state for external affairs, Mr Eduardo Faleiro, told the Rajya Sabha today that there is no question of the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, visiting Pakistan until some positive steps are taken by that country for removing irritants. Replying to a question, the minister said on his departure from Delhi last time [in December], the Pakistan president had said that the Kashmir issue will be resolved within the framework of the Simla Agreement. But certain other pronouncements including a resolution of the ruling Muslim League stated otherwise.

Mr Faleiro said the main irritants are related to two issues — that bilateral issues between the two countries should be solved bilaterally and Pakistan should not attempt to bring in third parties for this, and that Pakistan should make a positive declaration that it will not allow its land to be used for foreign bases. However, India will continue its dialogue with Pakistan for achieving a treaty of friendship, peace and cooperation. The people of the two countries are also desirous of friendly relations because of their common cultural heritage, he added.

Replying to a supplementary, Mr Faleiro said that Pakistan has denied supporting terrorists. But India has provided proof that training camps were organized for terrorists in that country. Sophisticated arms were also supplied to terrorists in the training camps, he said.

Gandhi Clarifies Position on Gurkha Agitation

BK131031 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 13 Aug 86

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, declared in the Lok Sabha today that his government condemns every antinational movement. Intervening in a short-notice question in the Lok Sabha today, he said primarily it is the responsibility of the West Bengal government to deal with the agitation launched by the Gurkha National Liberation Front in the Darjeeling hill area. It is unfortunate that the state government is not discharging its responsibility in dealing with the situation. The Center can act only in coordination and cooperation with the West Bengal government.

The prime minister assured full cooperation to the state government in dealing with the situation. He said the Center would not like to encroach on the jurisdiction of the state government. The only way the Center can intervene is either through president's rule or under Article 249 of the Constitution. He made it clear that the center would not like to adopt any of these approaches. The prime minister referred to his meeting with the [state] chief minister in Calcutta and the subsequent meeting between the home minister and the chief minister on the 6th of this month. It was decided that the Center and the state government would fully cooperate in dealing with the situation.

Mr Gandhi pointed out that at no stage Mr Jyoti Basu [the state chief minister] said that the situation is out of hand. Mr Gandhi said Mr Basu also told him that he is getting full cooperation from the West Bengal Pradesh [state] Congress-I chief, Mr Priya Ranjan Das Munshi.

Referring to the Indo-Nepal Friendship Treaty of 1950, Mr Gandhi pointed out that it only grants certain reciprocal privileges to Nepalese citizens in India and Indian citizens in Nepal. The treaty does not in any way adversely affect Indian citizens of Nepalese origin. On the contrary, in the event of its abrogation, Nepalese not enjoying Indian citizenship rights would not be harmed. He said that the treaty gives a lot of protection to the Nepalese citizens living in India.

Inquiry on Engine Trouble on Gandhi's Plane Planned

BK131025 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 13 Aug 86

[Text] A full inquiry is to be held into the causes of the engine trouble in the aircraft which was to have brought the prime minister back home from his recent tour abroad. The plane had to be diverted to Moscow when there was a fire warning signal in one of the engines of the aircraft. The prime minister and his party returned to New Delhi in a special Soviet aircraft.

The minister of state for civil aviation, Mr Jagdish Tytler, assured the Rajya Sabha during question time that action will be taken against whoever is found guilty.

Further Reportage on Situation in Punjab State

'Special Powers' Resolution Proposed

BK121625 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Text] The home minister, Mr Buta Singh, assured the Rajya Sabha today that the special powers sought to be assumed by the Center through a resolution invoking the provisions of Article 249 of the Constitution will be used to tackle terrorism only in the areas in the western border. Moving the resolution, the home minister said the laws to be enacted under the special powers would specify the areas in respect of which the Center would be given these powers. The resolution invoking Article 249 seeks to empower parliament to legislate on subjects even if they are in the state list.

The government 's decision to specify the areas emerged after 2 rounds of consultations which the home minister had with the opposition leaders earlier in the day. During the discussion some opposition leaders expressed apprehension that the special powers might be used against other states, while others asked the government to specify that they would be applicable only in the western sector. As a result of the meeting the resolution was delayed and could be moved only in the afternoon.

While moving the resolution in the house, the home minister said it has become necessary for the Center to acquire adequate powers to deal with antinational, secessionist, and terrorist activities in some parts of the country. The concern expressed in parliament and outside about the threat posed to the stability and

unity of the country has also underlined the need for the resolution. Mr Buta Singh said the time has come for the Center and the states to pool their resources in the common endeavor to combat all forces threatening law and order, peace, and national integrity.

Three amendments were moved to the official resolution by Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee, Bhartiya Janata Party; Mr Satyaprakash Maliviya, Lok Dal; and Mr P. Upendra, Telugu Desam.

During the discussion many opposition members expressed concern that invoking Article 249 will erode the authority and autonomy of the states. They asserted that it is against the spirit of the Constitution and the concept of federalism. They also demanded that such an important resolution should be adopted by the concerned state legislatures and discussed in the National Defense Council. Suggesting alternatives, they said the Center should send more paramilitary forces to the state and strengthen border checkposts.

Ruling party members defended the resolution on the ground that it is meant primarily to meet the unprecedented situation created by antinational elements. They pointed out that it will not be at the cost of the authority of the states as the specific areas where the special powers are sought to be used have been limited to a few.

Upper House Adopts Resolution

BK130918 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 13 Aug 86

[Text] The Rajya Sabha has adopted the resolution under Article 249 of the Constitution which empowers Parliament to make laws for 1 year in respect of certain state subjects. These subjects include public order, police, and prison. The house adopted the amendment by the home minister, Mr Buta Singh, which gives the reasons for invoking this power.

The amendment says the situation in Punjab and other areas in the northwest borders has become extremely grave due to infiltration from across the borders and unabated terrorist activities in the border areas. One hundred and seventy-two members voted in favor of the resolution and only 48 against, giving it the required two-thirds majority.

Bus Slaying Suspect Arrested

BK121616 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Text] In Punjab, Tarsem Singh Kohar, the prime accused in the killing of 14 bus passengers in Mukhtsar, has been arrested. The director general of police, Mr J.S. Rebeiro, told newsmen in Chandigarh this evening that he was nabbed while traveling along with two other terrorists — Sukhdev Singh Malwi and Jagdish Kaur — near village Dayalpur in Kapurtnala District on the Amritsar-Jullundur road. He said the police intercepted the bus after obtaining definite information during the interrogation of some terrorists.

Tarsem Singh and Sukhdev Singh were involved in a number of terrorist activities, including shootouts mainly in Gurdaspur and Amritsar Districts. Tarsem Singh Kohar was carrying a reward of 1 lakh rupees.

Barnala Satisfied With Police Efforts

BK130309 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 13 Aug 86

[Text] The Punjab chief minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, has expressed satisfaction at the efforts of the police and the paramilitary forces in curbing terrorism and restoring peace and normalcy. He was reviewing the latest law and order situation in the state at a high-level meeting in Chandigarh.

Later, Mr Barnala told AIR [All India Radio] Chandigarh correspondent that concerted efforts by the security forces have started yielding results. A number of notorious terrorists have been arrested. He cautioned that nothing should be done at this juncture which may adversely affect the morale of the people and give way to unnecessary apprehension in the minds of the people.

100 'Pro-Pakistani Elements' Arrested in Kashmir

BK121644 Hong Kong AFP in English 1627 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 12 (AFP) — More than 100 people have been arrested in Indian-held Kashmir in a crackdown on pro-Pakistani elements, the *Press Trust of India* (PTI) reported Tuesday.

Police had also seized posters and secessionist literature during the drive in the past two days, PTI quoted an official spokesman in Srinagar, capital of the northernmost state on the border with Pakistan and disputed by that country, as saying. Some of the literature urged local residents to "celebrate Pakistan's independence day" on Thursday. Those arrested were said to be activists of fundamentalist Moslem bodies such as Jamiat-i Islami, Islami Jamiat-i Tuleba and the Pro-Pakistani People's League Party.

India and Pakistan became independent from Britain in August 1947. India celebrates its independence anniversary on August 15, a day later than Pakistan.

The dispute between India and Pakistan over Moslem-majority Kashmir dates back to the first war they fought in 1947 shortly after partition. A second war was waged in 1965.

The authorities had banned sale of crackers across Srinagar Valley as a precautionary step, PTI said. On Monday the authorities in Srinagar announced curbs on movement at night in two districts of Kathua and Jammu on the border with Pakistan. No reason was given, earlier PTI reports said.

Bhutto Banned From Punjab; MRD Leaders Detained

BK130625 Hong Kong AFP in English 0613 GMT 13 Aug 86

[Text] Karachi, Pakistan, Aug 13 (AFP) — The Pakistan Government on Wednesday banned opposition leader Benazir Bhutto from Punjab Province and detained top political workers throughout the country, party sources here said.

In its first crack-down since lifting martial law, opposition sources said several hundred political workers and activists were arrested in pre-dawn swoops in various parts of the country.

In a dramatic move, police served a Punjab government order on Miss Bhutto in Karachi airport's departure lounge as she prepared to board a plane for Faisalabad, restricting her movements for five days.

Miss Bhutto, who leads the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) founded by her father, the former Premier Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, executed in 1979, had been due to lead a procession from Faisalabad up to Lahore where the ten-party Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD) had planned an independence day rally on Thursday.

The government decided to postpone its gathering in Lahore and Prime Minister Mohammed Khan Junejo Monday called upon the MDR to cancel its meeting to "avoid confrontation on a solemn occasion".

Sources here said that Miss Bhutto had been asked not to leave Karachi for five days, while other MDR leaders had been either been detained in their houses or taken into custody.

Further Details

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[Text] In Pakistan, several opposition leaders, including the Pakistan People's Party leader Miss Benazir Bhutto, have been detained. Reports say police made the arrests in several parts of the country early today in a move to stop political rallies on the eve of the country's independence day. The government has announced a ban on such rallies, but the main opposition alliance — the Movement for Restoration of Democracy — has said that it would defy the ban.

According to police, Miss Bhutto was detained at Karachi as she was about to board the plane for Faisalabad in Punjab where she was scheduled to lead a rally. Another prominet opposition leader, General Tikka Khan, has been detained in Rawalpindi.

Bhutto Criticizes Crackdown

BK131050 Hong Kong AFP in Enlgish 1042 GMT 13 Aug 86

[Text] Islamabad, Aug 13 (AFP) — Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto strongly criticised a government political crackdown Wednesday in which several hundred people were arrested and she was prevented from boarding a plane.

Miss Bhutto, speaking at her seaside villa near the southern city of Karachi after police denied her departure to the Punjab town of Faisalabad Wednesday morning, said the civilian government of Prime Minister Mohammed Khan Junejo had resorted to "repressive measures". "The Junejo government is nothing less than a civilian martial law," she said.

Miss Bhutto was to have led a procession from Faisalabad to Lahore where a big opposition rally was planned by the 10-party Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD) on the country's independence day Thursday.

The district magistrate in Lahore banned the meeting on Tuesday night, imposed tight security measures and the provincial authorities arrested several hundred activists and leaders of Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and the MRD, which decided to flout the ban. Miss Bhutto was banned from Punjab for five days but she has no restrictions on her movements in Karachi.

The arrests had been made without "any legal sanction," said Miss Bhutto, who is spearheading the campaign for snap polls later this year to replace the present party-less parliament elected in February last year. She said the MRD rallies and processions were peaceful and free from violence, and that the police swoop indicated that the government in "lacking courage to face the masses has resorted to anti-people measures."

Further Reportage on Visit of SFRY's Djuranovic

Acting President's Banquet Speech

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[Text] Pakistan and Yugoslavia not only have an understanding on the principle and objectives of the Nonaligned Movement, but also are working together to maintain the characteristic strength of this movement. This was said by the acting president, Ghulam Ishaq Khan, at the dinner hosted in honor of the visiting member of the Yugoslavian Presidency in Rawalpindi yesterday. He said Pakistan and Yugoslavia are determined to stick to the principles of nonalignment and noninterference in the affairs of other countries. In this manner both the countries wish to end as soon as possible the extraordinary situation prevailing in Afghanistan through peaceful means and negotiations. He said a peaceful solution to the Afghanistan problem through talks is most essential for peace and stability in the region as well as the whole world.

The acting president said Pakistan and Yugoslavia also maintain bilateral relations. He said Vesilin Djuranovic had detailed, fruitful, and purposeful talks with the prime minister and there were identical views on several bilateral, regional, and international issues and on the agenda of the forthcoming nonaligned summit in Harare.

In his speech Vesilin Djuranovic reiterated that as members of the Nonaligned Movement solidarity exists between the two countries. He specially lauded the role and the stand adopted by Pakistan while pursuing the principles of the Nonaligned Move-

ment. He said his country believes that Pakistan will participate in the nonaligned summit as important international issues will be discussed there.

Officials Discusses Trade

BK120558 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 11 Aug 86

[Text] The Pakistan-Yugoslav joint ministerial commission is to hold its next meeting in Belgrade in January or February next year. This was decided at the meeting held in Islamabad today between the federal finance minister, Mian Mohammad Yasin Khan Watto, and the visiting Yugoslav minister for agriculture, Mr Sava Vojkov, who is also cochairman of the Pakistan-Yugoslav joint ministerial commission.

During the meeting the finance minister pointed to the trade imbalance against Pakistan and emphasized the need to remove it. The Yugoslav minister said they recognize the need to reduce this imbalance. Yugoslav authorities would soon be communicating to their Pakistani counterparts a list of items which they would like to import from Pakistan.

Matters relating to the establishment of joint ventures between the two countries also came under discussion and it was decided that concrete measures would be adopted for setting up joint ventures.

The Yugoslav side also suggested close collaboration in various fields and direct air link between Karachi and Belgrade.

A Yugoslav delegation would visit Pakistan soon to finalize an agreement on the avoidance of double taxation.

Comments on DRA, Joint Talks

BK121120 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Text] A member of the Presidency of Yugoslavia, Mr Vesilin [Djuranovic], has said that his country is in favor of a political settlement of the Afghanistan problem.

Talking to newsmen at Islamabad airport before his departure for Karachi, he said Yugoslavia wanted a solution of this problem in consonance with the spirit of the Nonaligned Movement, ensuring freedom and sovereignty of the Afghan people.

He described his talks with the prime minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, as very satisfactory and hoped that they would help promote bilateral relations. He said both Pakistan and Yugoslavia have identical views on various international issues.

Mr Vesilin, who later arrived in Karachi on the last leg of his official visit to Pakistan, drove to the mazar [mausoleum] of Qaid-i Azam where he laid a floral wreath.

KUNA: Majlis Speaker's Plane Lands in Baghdad

LD120939 Kuwait KUNA in Arabic 0915 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Text] Baghdad, 12 Aug (KUNA) — The *Iraqi News Agency* has reported that the plane of Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the chairman of the Showra Council [Majlis] in Iran has landed today at Baghdad Airport with four people on board, but Hashemi-Rafsanjani was not among them.

Training Plane Hijacked

LD121750 Tehran IRNA in English 1743 GMT 12 AUG 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 12, IRNA — A Iranian training airplane belonging to Asman airlines was hijacked and forced to land at Baghdad's airport Tuesday.

Agents of the global arrogance and the Iraqi regime conspired with the plane's pilot to change course to Iraq shortly after its take-off from Rasht Airport (Caspian Sea) on a training flight.

Israel Broadcasts 'False Reports'

LD122310 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Text] A training aircraft belonging to the Asman Airlines was hijacked today and landed at Baghdad airport. The agents of arrogance, in the wake of the successful missile attack on Baghdad by the Islamic Republic of Iran and in coordination with the Iraqi regime, at 0800 today diverted a small training aircraft flying in Rasht airspace and with the pilot's cooperation took the aircraft to Iraq.

The Zionist regime's radio, which always organizes the most hostile propaganda against the Islamic Republic, resorted to broadcasting entirely false reports regarding our country's personages in order to diminish public attention to this successful attack by the armies of Islam, and to complete its conspiracy.

President Threatens Retaliation on Iraqi Sites

LD131030 Tehran IRNA in English 1003 GMT 13 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 13, IRNA — President 'Ali Khamene'i stressed here Wednesday morning that Iran will retaliate Iraqi attacks on military and industrial areas.

Speaking after a cabinet ministers session which he presided over, the president said that a report on situation at war fronts of the Iraqi-imposed war was handed over to the government.

More on the issues discussed during the meeting which was also attended by Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi, the president said that retaliatory measures against the Iraqi attacks were raised.

The oil minister, Gholam Reza Aqazadeh, reported in detail on the recent OPEC meeting and the foreign affairs minister, 'Ali Akbar Velayati, informed the cabinet on actions taken for the forthcoming non-aligned Harare summit.

Referring to the approval of the Iranian proposal in the OPEC meeting and its impact on the oil price, the president said, "Our message to the leaders of OPEC members, is collective efforts by the members to push oil prices up". Materialisation of this objective calls for active participation of all OPEC oil producers, the president stressed.

More on the same subject, he said that if all OPEC members stand firmly by OPEC's recent decision, in the next two months its effects on oil market will be so significant that the oil producers will be motivated to carry on the measure.

Conditions for Halting Reprisals Set

LD121631 Tehran IRNA in English 1619 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 12, IRNA — The War Information Headquarters (WIH) said Tuesday that Iran will halt its reprisal attacks if Iraq ceases its bombardement of Iranian non-military areas, otherwise, it added, "Muslim combatants will destroy all vital facilities in Iraq."

The headquarters, in its statement issued here said that the missile attack on Al-Dawrah refinery in Baghdad proved that Iranian combatants are capable of powerfully responding to any aggression. Iran's decisive reply on Tuesday had merely served [to] discourage the Baghdad regime from committing new crimes, the statement said.

The choice of Al-Dawrah refinery as a target as well as the time it was launched (0125 hours local time Tuesday 2155 GMT Monday) when no one is working there, proves that "Iran does not intend to damage non-military areas nor hurt Iraqi civilians", the WIH said.

"Iran pursues a policy of fighting its enemies at the war fronts," the WIH said, noting that the Muslim combatants have never initiated the attacks on residential, industrial and economic areas, and that they had only "responding to Iraqi lawlessness."

Montazeri Approves Criteria for Pardons

LD112228 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 11 Aug 86

[Text] Those sentenced to imprisonment by general revolution courts and the judicial organization of the Armed Forces will be pardoned according to certain criteria.

Musavi-Bojnurdi, member of the Supreme Judicial Council and supervisor of the high courts [dadgah-haye 'Ali] announcing the news, said: As approved by Ayatollah Montazeri, all persons convicted by 16 August will be released, or their sentences will be reduced.

He added: According to this command, which has been conveyed to all general prosecutors' offices, revolution courts and the judicial organization of the Armed Forces by way of circulars, all those sentenced to imprisonment, except those belonging to counterrevolutionary mini-groups, importers, manufacturers, distributers of narcotics at high levels; effective members of the

Zalleh sect and spies; those convicted of rape, armed robbery, embezzlement, bribery, and kidnapping; and professional conmen will be covered by Ayatollah Montazeri's pardon.

The sentences of more than 10 years will be halved, and sentences of more than 15 years and life sentences will be reduced to 15 years. Also, for those sentenced to house arrest and exiles — if they have served a quarter of their sentence — the rest of their sentences will be suspended for 3 years.

He added: Those members of counterrevolutionary mini-groups, who were simple supporters, whose repentance has been accepted by the religious judge and the prosecutor, will be covered by this pardon.

According to another part of the circular, for those sentenced to 5 to 10 years: If they have served a fifth of their sentences, the rest of their sentences will be suspended for 3 years. Those who have been convicted solely for addiction, will be released from prison on the presentation of certificates from the prison doctor or the coroner.

He added: Except for certain items in the circular, those convicted in the past will be covered by this pardon. The rest of their sentences will be counted in the assessment of their cases. [as heard]

Montazeri Urges Scientific Advances in Academia

LD081908 Tehran IRNA in English 1742 GMT 8 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 8, IRNA — Ayatollah Montazeri called for a public mobilization to advance the cause of science in a meeting with Iranian students and officials in charge of selecting university students in Qom Thursday.

The Ayatollah stressed that Islam greatly values science and that Iranian universities should be equipped with the latest in technology needed to advance science in the country.

The country would be better advised to invite Iranian professors or qualified foreign professors to each at domestic universities in order to avoid spending so much in foreign exchange on sending students to foreign countries and to prevent them from being corrupted by alien cultures, Montazeri said. The future spiritual leader of the Islamic Revolution furthermore said that efforts should be made to encourage Iranian professors to enhance the quality of their teaching and students their learning.

The revered Ayatollah called on university officials to Islamicize campuses and try to win the confidence of those who at present hold an attitude of indifference towards Islam and the revolution.

Further Reportage on Visit of Turkish State Minister

Discusses Oil-Gas Pipeline

LD121921 Tehran IRNA in English 1817 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug 12, IRNA — The visiting Turkish minister of state for economic affairs, Mustafa Tinaz Titiz, met and conferred with the Iranian Oil Minister Gholam Reza Aqazadeh here Tuesday. Reviewed in the meeting were results of three-days of deliberations by the expert committees on proposed joint plans.

It was decided that the committee studying the Irano-Turkey oil-gas pipeline project would prepare an economic report on gas prices and needs of potential European purchasers. The same committee, was also commissioned to provide a report on Turkey's domestic gas consumption and gas marketing situation within the next three months.

The Turkish committee is to evaluate their calculation methods on the oil pipeline suggested in the final report of the economic review approved on July 15, 1986. It was also decided at the meeting that Iran's expert delegation would visit Turkey for additional talks on the scientific-technical cooperation in the fields of oil exploration and exploitation.

The Turkish minister of state for economic affairs arrived here Friday at the head of a delegation.

Hizballah Paper on Overcoming Oil Problems Cited

LD100953 Tehran in English to Europe 1930 GMT 9 Aug 86

[Text] The Lebanese weekly *Al-'Ahd*, the organ of Hizballah in Lebanon, in its weekly article wrote that following 10 months of operations and efforts and by adopting wise policies, the revolution of the oppressed was finally capable of overcoming all the oil-related conspiracies, and making other producer countries to decrease their oil production.

In this article *Al-'Ahd* added that this success resulted, within 48 hours, in a considerable rise in oil prices on the market while the most significant outcome of this policy by the Islamic Republic of Iran has rather been [words indistinct] in revealing the reactionary regimes' part in wasting the resources of Muslims.

The Lebanese weekly, by presenting facts and figures in this regard, added that: By taking into account the Muslims' oil production of 10 million barrels a day at a price of 10 dollars per barrel or less for the last 18 months, we have seen that the Muslims have suffered a financial loss of more than 50 billion dollars; this amount alone would have sufficed to uproot the Jerusalem-occupying regime and liberate the land of Palestine.

Al-'Ahd continued that the reactionary regimes in the region, however, through this ugly act of treason, gave this huge amount as a gift to their masters so that by this means they may inflict damage on the Islamic Revolution in Iran.

Japan Not Fulfilling Role in Joint Port Project

LD121942 Tehran IRNA in English 1830 GMT 12 Aug 86

["Iran Losing Patience With Japan on Petrochemical Project" — IRNA headline]

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 12, IRNA — Iran and Japan will sustain an equal loss if the joint petrochemical project of the two countries

suffers damage resulting from the Iraqi-imposed war or the passage of time, said managing director of Iran's petrochemical company Mostafa Taheri here Tuesday.

Speaking to reporters here, Taheri said that Iran has fulfilled its own financial undertakings and has also defrayed parts of installments due to European banks by its Japanese partner.

Taheri added that claims of Western mass media that Iran had refused to pay its debts for the petrochemical complex at Imam Khomeyni port was in fact Iran's refusal to shoulder obligations entrusted to the Japanese partner.

The Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran had allocated necessary fund to repay the loan for the petrochemical project, but, Iranian officials in charge of the project announced that they would not shoulder any obligations of the Japanese partner, he said.

The official said that the Japanese partner in the project has repeatedly refused to fulfill its undertakings under the pretext of the Iraqi-imposed war or status of payments.

The damage inflicted on the Irano-Japan petrochemical project by irresponsibility of Japanese partner is much heavier than that caused by the Iraqi-imposed war, Taheri said.

The managing director also said that the Japanese partner was responsible for having fallen short of providing maintenance for installations in Imam Khomeyni port. He stressed Iran had always been for friendly talks with its Japanese partner on the project and that it has not wanted to take the case to court.

Taheri said that if Mitsui Company, Iran's partner in the project should continue to default on its undertakings many parts of the project might be automatically omitted.

He said that Iran has never relied solely on foreign experts for developing its petrochemical industries and that it has undertaken seven projects on its own including the petrochemical projects of Arak, in central provinces.

Iran's national petrochemical company is pursuing programmes to attain self-sufficiency. It will export its petrochemical production later on, Taheri said.

Increase in Non-Oil Exports in First Quarter Noted

LD121842 Tehran IRNA in English 1708 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 12, IRNA — Iran's non-oil exports showed an increase of 81 percent in value during the first quarter of the current Iranian year (started on March 21, 1986) compared to the same period last year, announced Iran's customs department in a report released Tuesday.

The value of imported goods declined by 16 percent over the same period, the report said.

On the activities of the customs offices and the country's export-import activities for the said period, the report said Iran's imports for this period amounted to 3.353 million tons of goods worth 209.259 billion rials (2.7 b. dls), reflecting an increase of 8 percent in weight and 16 percent in value.

Non-oil exports of the country totaled 89,000 tons worth 13.101 billion rials (172.3 m. dls) which shows a decrease of seven percent in weight but an increase of 81 percent in value over this period.

Export figures show that hand-woven carpets still rank the second after oil as two of the country's major export items. More than 4.4 billion rials (87.8 m. dls) worth of carpets were exported during the said period comprising more than 30 percent of the value of the exports. A comparative study between the amount of carpets exported during this period and that of a similar period last year shows that they contributed more than 2.579 billion rials (33.9 m. dls) to Iran's export earnings. Exports totaled 45,551 tons for more than 2.468 billion rials (32.4 m. dls). This shows an increase of 98 percent compared to the same period last year.

Over this period, 2,304 tons of pistachios worth about 790 million rials (10.3 m. dls) were exported which shows a decrease of 410 million rials (5.4 m. dls) in comparison with the same period last year. During this time, 1,676 tons of cotton worth more than 127 million rials (1.6 m. dls) were exported while Iran did not export any cotton over the same period last year. The country did not export zinc, lead or any other mineral or metal ores and chromite this year but the export value of these items amounted to 453 million rials (5.96 m. dls) last year.

Over 3.353 million tons of goods worth more than 209 billion rials (2.7 b. dls) were released from the country's customs departments. This shows a decrease of 8.7 percent in weight and 16.5 percent in value.

Bandar-e 'Abbas customs department (at the Persian Gulf) ranks first among other entry points of the country. It released 64 billion rials (842.1 m. dls) worth of goods, during the said period.

A total of 210,936 persons entered the country during the said period, 49,617 of whom were foreigners. Also, 222,358 persons left the country, 171,314 of whom were Iranians. Mehrabad Airport handled the bulk of passenger traffic this period.

22 Iraqi Muslims Expelled by Baghdad Arrive

LD091354 Tehran IRNA in English 1258 GMT 9 Aug 86

[Text] Bakhtaran, Bakhtaran Prov., Aug. 9, IRNA — Twenty-two more Muslim Iraqis, expelled by the Baghdad government, arrived in Iran, Friday night. The deportees had to walk a 12-kilometer arduous, mountainous path to reach the Islamic Republic of Iran through border region of Javanrud. The Iraqi regime expelled 200 Iraqi Muslims only in May, who entered through eastern borders.

The ruling regime in Iraq has so far expelled hundreds of thousands of Iraqi Muslims on charges of having Iranian ancestors. The Baghdad government confiscated their properties, tortured them and abandoned the innocent people in mountainous areas near the border.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Communique No 2,561

LD121630 Tehran IRNA in English 1615 GMT 12 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 12 IRNA — At least 12 Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and six bunkers and three enemy vehicles destroyed in the southern operational theaters Monday when they were shelled by Iranian Gendarmerie forces, said a military communique here Tuesday.

Joint staff communique Number 2561 said that a large number of Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and five enemy bunkers, several observation posts, one heavy vehicle and one munitions dump destroyed in the western fronts when they were hit by Iranian artillery fire Monday.

Iranian Muslim combatants reconnoitered and shelled Iraqi positions and motorized columns in the northwestern fronts Monday inflicting heavy casualties on Iraqi forces and silencing enemy mortar fire, the communique said.

The communique said that a group of 20 Iraqi patrols attempting to infiltrate Iranian positions in the western fronts early Monday sustained casualties and were forced to flee under Iranian artillery fire.

In the southern fronts, the communique said, Iranian forces opened heavy artillery and tank fire on Iraqi positions Monday inflicting substantial casualties and losses and their movement disrupted when they came under Iranian artillery fire.

Movements of Iraqi vehicle columns were halted throughout the fronts on Monday.

Freedom Movement Leader Issues Statement on War

TA110804 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian 1500 GMT 10 Aug 86

[Text] The Freedom Movement, led by Mehdi Bazargan and which had a main role in the establishment of the sinister Islamic Republic regime, issued a statement in Tehran claiming that the Iran-Iraq war is forbidden by religion.

The Freedom Movement statement says: The unnecessary shedding of blood of the two nations for illusive aims is sheer disobedience of divine orders and decrees.

In its statement, the Freedom Movement stressed that blind obedience to a particular person means aiding the establishment of a government of absolute tyranny. The Freedom Movement noted that many sources of emulation are opposed to the war's prolongation.